

USGS COALITION

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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 US Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204 US Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Harold S. Rogers
Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 US Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Ryan, Pelosi, Rogers, and Lowey:

On behalf of the USGS Coalition, we urge you to finish FY 2017 appropriations this year and not pass a year-long continuing resolution. Such a stop-gap measure would stifle the ability of the U.S. Geological Survey and other federal agencies to initiate new projects and to adequately plan for the future. This would not only harm the agency's mission, but stakeholders across the country who depend upon USGS services and work products. A year-long continuing resolution would also negatively impact the ability of the USGS to engage in long-term monitoring related to natural hazards, water, and environmental health.

The USGS Coalition is an alliance of over 70 organizations united by a commitment to the continued vitality of the United States Geological Survey to provide critical data and services. The Coalition supports increased federal investment in USGS programs that underpin responsible natural resource stewardship, improve resilience to natural and human-induced hazards, and contribute to the long-term health, security, and prosperity of the nation.

We thank you for your prior support of the USGS and for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



Elizabeth A. Duffy
Co-Chair



Julie Palakovich Carr
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